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Agenda item 1
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee as a result of informal consultations

Accreditation of non-governmental organizations at the special session

The Preparatory Committee,

1. *Decides* that accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the special session should be open to:

(a) All non-governmental organizations enjoying consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

(b) All non-governmental organizations that were accredited to the World Summit for Social Development, unless their application for consultative status was rejected by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations;

(c) All non-governmental organizations that have been accredited to the Preparatory Committee, with no further examination of their credentials, unless their application for consultative status was rejected by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.

2. *Also decides* that the accreditation of other interested non-governmental organizations that have not participated in any of the above fora should be examined by a Committee composed of the Bureau of the preparatory body for the special session and the Secretariat by 7 April 2000, which would make the appropriate recommendations to the Preparatory Committee at its second session for review and decision, provided that requests for accreditation are accompanied by information on the organization's competence and relevance to the subject of the special session, including the following information, to be submitted by March 2000:

(a) The purpose of the organization;

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(b) Information identifying the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the subject of the special session and indicating in which country or countries they are carried out;

(c) Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international levels;

(d) Copies of annual or other reports of the organization, with financial statements and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions;

(e) A list of the members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality;

(f) A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of member organizations and their geographical distribution;

(g) A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization.

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to widely inform the community of non-governmental organizations about all available accreditation procedures.